

July 8, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 3:00 p.m. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck, Bryan Hoover, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Jamie Taylor from the Lakeland Times, Tom Wegner, Tom Ketchum.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve voucher numbers 46912-46950 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2014 Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 06/30/2014 as \$ 657,328.31 Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 6/30/2014 as \$299,689.66. A CD in the General Fund is coming due and this will be renewed for a 6-12 month term. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

VFIS Programs: Tom Ketchum from Horton Ins. Group was present for today's meeting to explain the options available for the VFIS Funds which are showing some changes. Allstate made a decision to sell Lincoln Benefit Life (LBL)(Futurist Fund) to Resolution Life Holdings. With the ongoing administrative issues with LBL it has led Horton to identify an alternate carrier for the fixed annuity. They are looking at Mass Mutual. It has an A rating and we would virtually see no changes. There is really no down side to doing this. They have no CAP, no W-9 problems and an easier signature system. In the other account, Savers Index fund there would be a substantial large penalty for pulling out the funds and moving them. It probably would be wise to just leave that fund alone for the time being. Perhaps a bailout option would become available that would eliminate the penalty. The distribution of money each year can be changed. Currently a 50-50 contribution is made each year. We could go ahead by just adjusting the contribution to \$250 annually to the Savers index Fund. Mrs. Schwanebeck stated she was in favor of moving the LBL money to Mass Mutual. Mr. Hoover expressed he would like to look over the paperwork before he made any decision. Mr. Ketchum explained there is really no deadline. When a decision is made he will help in getting the funds transferred. We will re-address this item at an upcoming meeting in September.

Road Bid Questions: This item was put on the agenda by Mr. Hoover's request. Mr. Hoover has several questions he would like clarified. He wanted to know on the Potential Bidder cover sheet why it states responses limited to Oneida or Vilas Counties. He feels we are limiting the contractors that could

bid on our projects. Mr. Gaulke explained that Attorney Greg Harrold wrote this cover sheet and the overall feeling is it would be that those contractors would be familiar with the area. Mr. Hoover stated he was contacted by several contractors outside of this area but would not feel comfortable giving their names. Mr. Gaulke stated on the cover sheet it states if there were any questions he could be contacted. Mr. Hoover should have forwarded that information to the contractors. Mr. Gaulke has not received any calls. Mr. Hoover also asked why the two road projects were combined into one project. Some contractors only do chip seal and some only do asphalt. He feels that is also limiting what contractors could bid on the projects. Mr. Gaulke stated it is easier to deal with one contractor but it is standard in the industry that some contractors have sub-contractors. Regarding specifications Mr. Hoover questioning the 52-34 oil mix with no substitutions. He stated the state standard is 58-34. Mr. Gaulke explained that the mix he specified is different than the state standard but he has found that it works best for this area. If you have a softer oil mix it retards against cracking requiring less follow up crack seal maintenance. The 52-34 oil mix costs no more than the state standard of 52-34 and if it results in less maintenance why would we not use it. Regarding the compacted Type E-1 hot mix. Mr. Hoover asked if that was used more on a high volume roadway. On a road such as Shishebogama would it not benefit us to use a low volume mix such as E.03. which could save you money? Mr. Gaulke stated it really would not save any money. Road volumes vary and he tries to use a middle standard and it seems to work. He also had questions regarding the asphalt curbing Type LV which is E1 which Mr. Gaulke answered. The red granite used to match driveways is just to match what was existing prior to construction.

Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk